

JUDGE HOWELL SHOOTSELF IN PARK; DIES IN HOSPITAL

USE FORCE TO RESCUE 2 WOMEN

Mother and Girl Had to Be Carried from Flames.

SEVEN HORSES BURNED IN ARDLEY COURT BLAZE

Dog Hero Gives Families Alarm and Is Roasted to Death.

THRILLING RESCUES ARE MADE BY NEIGHBORS

Spread to Automobile Garage Prevented—Entire Loss But \$5,000.

Thrilling escapes were made early today from a fire which gutted the barn of the Newark News Company, at 8 Ardley court, and destroyed seven horses, as many wagons and a quantity of stable provisions.

Although the fire left the News Company with but one horse and wagon and just at an hour when it would require its whole complement, its service of delivery was not in the least impaired. Livery stables were quickly drawn on, and there was no apparent interruption in the service.

Among the heroes at the fire were C. Albert Gasser, superintendent of the Bureau of Combustibles and Fire Risks, and Euster, a dog.

Buster aroused the family of Paul W. Obert, superintendent of the stables, on the second floor, and then gallantly went down to death in the flames.

Obert was awakened by the violent barking of Buster, who was down among the horses. He went down to see what was the matter and as he opened the door into the first floor the flames, which apparently had been raging for some time, drove him back and even followed him up the stairs.

Awakening his son, Wesley Obert, the latter climbed from a window onto the roof of the first-story extension in the rear and from there leaped to the ground. Running around to the street he turned in an alarm and as he started back he met Superintendent Gasser, who was on his way home.

Scared the Roof.

The two ran back to the burning building and scaled to the roof of the extension by way of a fence and a ladder. Escape from the second floor by the stairway had been cut off by the flames. Obert's wife and his daughter, Miss Edith, were terror-stricken and the superintendent of the stables had been unable to induce them to go out of the window onto the roof of the extension.

Gasser and Wesley Obert forcibly carried the mother and daughter out of the window and across the roof to the window of the adjoining building. They were taken in there and cared for.

By the time Deputy Chief Sloane and the firemen arrived the flames had broken out from the front of the structure and were sweeping dangerously across Ardley court. Opposite is the garage of E. W. Heller and in it were five automobiles and a large quantity of gasoline. John Henshall, the chauffeur in charge of the place, ran all of the motor cars out of the place and to a spot where they would be safe, as it then looked as though the flames would spread to surrounding structures.

Dog Hero Incinerated.

Next door to the burning building was the private stable of Charles M. Case, and his coachman, Samuel Ehrlich, hurriedly rescued the horses and vehicles from that place.

When the firemen arrived they could hear the frantic neighing of the seven horses in the Newark News Company's stables, but it was impossible to reach them through the sheets of flame that were shooting from the building. By the time a half-dozen streams of water had subdued the fire the horses, with Buster, the dog hero, had been burned to death.

A report that several lengths of hose at the fire had burst under the pressure from the engines was denied by Deputy Chief Sloane.

He said that the hose and the apparatus had worked perfectly.

When the fire was extinguished little remained beside the four walls. The company estimated its damage at \$5,000, covered by insurance.

YALE-ARMY GAME TODAY, FIRST BIG ONE OF SEASON

West Point in Better Condition and May Beat Their Opponents.

OLD ELI BELIEVED TO BE OFF FORM JUST NOW

Cadets Depending a Great Deal on Forward Pass—Great Crowds on Field.

WEST POINT, N. Y., October 17.—Yale and the Army, in the first of the big football games of the year, made West Point the chief focus of amateur athletic attention today, when the teams from Eli and the military academy were to meet for their annual football contest. Yale has had almost as large an array of "grads" working over the men this week as before the Harvard and Princeton games. These former football stars include Brink Thorne, James McCrea, Jr., James Hogan, Lydi Hoyt and others.

As a result of assiduous training, the cadet eleven has come to the point where it is pronounced in unusually good condition, whereas Yale is believed to be slightly "off form." Coach Tipton, of West Point, has perfected a new forward pass which, if it should prove as effective this afternoon as it has in practice, may bring a victory to the soldiers. Great reliance is also put upon the foot of Dean, left halfback, whose drop and place kicking have shown wonderful improvement lately.

However, West Point anticipates that Yale will produce a formidable team, which, imbued with the famous fighting spirit of all her elevens, is certain to make today's struggle exciting and close.

The probable line-up is as follows:

Yale.	Position.	West Point.
Kilpatrick	Left end.	Underwood
Lilley	Left tackle.	Byrne
Brown	Left guard.	Wier
Biddle	Center.	Philoon
Richardson	Right guard.	Moss
Goebel	Right tackle.	Besson
Nadle	Right end.	Carberry
Murphy	Quarterback.	Wood
Bridges	Right halfback.	Grebbe
Philbin	Left halfback.	Dean
Coy	Fullback.	Chamberlin

The officials will be: Referee, Mr. Okeon; umpire, W. Lanford; field judge, Mr. Godcharles; linesman, Mr. Williams.

JUDGE DAVID T. HOWELL, WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE THIS MORNING IN BRANCH BROOK PARK



MISSING BALLOON FOUND IN NORTH SEA, PILOTS LOST

Hergesell Picked Up by Norwegian Craft 100 Miles from Heligoland.

YARMOUTH, England, Oct. 17.—The German balloon Hergesell has been picked up in the North Sea. There was, however, no sign of the occupants, and the two aeronauts are believed to have perished.

The Hergesell was found floating half deflated 100 miles northwest of Heligoland by the Norwegian steamer Naddod and brought in here.

HULL, England, Oct. 17.—The German balloon Plauen was picked up on Wednesday night in the North Sea by a trawler.

Clinging to the balloon were the two aeronauts, Hackstetter and Schreider, in an almost exhausted condition. The men were brought here, and Schreider is now in an infirmary, where his condition is said to be serious. The rescue took place about 240 miles from Spurn Head.

Hackstetter, who shows but little ill effects from his thrilling experience, said today that neither he nor his companion ever expected to survive. After the start they journeyed for twelve hours overland and then lost their bearings. Eventually they discovered that they were sailing over the water.

The extreme cold affected the gas and the balloon dropped into the sea on Wednesday night. They kept themselves afloat on the wreckage for five hours before they were rescued.

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BRYAN PLANNING TO BE IN NEWARK ON NEXT FRIDAY

Democratic State Committee Hears That He Will Probably Be Here Then.

William K. Devereux, of the Democratic State Committee, received word today from Chairman Robert S. Hudspeth, of the National Committee, that William J. Bryan would probably speak in New Jersey on October 23, next Friday. Definite arrangements to this effect, Mr. Hudspeth stated, have not yet been made.

The appearance of the Democratic candidate next week will be a change in his plans. He had not intended to come East until October 26, and Mr. Hudspeth said that Mr. Bryan would be able to appear in this State at only day meetings, during time stolen from New York city and Brooklyn.

Aggressive efforts have been made by State Chairman James R. Nugent to have the candidate spend an entire day at least in covering this State, and he has been so persistent in his demands and his presentation of the possibilities of good for the ticket that would follow that Mr. Hudspeth united with him in an appeal to National Chairman Norman Mack. The change in program is probably the result.

Mr. Bryan will speak in New York on Monday. On Tuesday he will jump to Indiana, where he will speak during the day and cross to Kentucky for a night meeting. On Wednesday he will be in Ohio to make a string of speeches. On Friday he will come here, according to present plans, and the next day go to New York to make a tour of the State that will last until October 29, with occasional side trips into Connecticut and Rhode Island.

BONDSMEN FOR LOESER FIGHT AGAINST PAYING

Court, After Sharp Rejoinder to Lawyer, Reserves Its Decision.

After hearing argument, Chief Justice Gummere, in the Supreme Court circuit, today reserved decision on a motion made by Samuel Kalisch to quash a writ of fieri facias issued in connection with Valentine Braun's \$2,500 bail for Philip Loeser, an alleged election repeater, and directed that briefs be submitted.

Loeser failed to appear in the Court of Quarter Sessions when called for trial during the last term, and the Braun bail was ordered forfeited. He has not been found since, and the prosecutor's office, through the writ, is trying to collect on the bond. For this suit in the Circuit Court is necessary, and the writ is one of the steps necessary to the collection.

Mr. Kalisch appeared for the bondsmen and presented several points in support of his contention to quash. The chief one was that the court had no jurisdiction. He also insisted that there was no foundation in fact for the issuance of the writ. The court remarked that if the writ was issued without its authority it ought to be quashed.

"If this writ," the chief justice commented, "is a writ of this court, it does not become this court to say that anything in it is a lie."

"The court would never have issued the writ if it had known the facts," insisted Mr. Kalisch. "The court has been deceived; it has been imposed upon."

Second Assistant Prosecutor Frederick R. Lehlbach replied briefly.

Victim of What He Declared Was Unjust Persecution from the Sheriff's Office, He Fires Two Bullets into His Head.

TOLD POLICE CAPTAIN RYAN THAT RAKING UP HIS PAST WAS UNJUST

Scene of Suicide Near Spot in Branch Brook Park Where Chief of Police Adams Killed Himself About a Year Ago.

JUDGE DAVID T. HOWELL, of the First Criminal Court, and one of the best-known and most popular men in the city, sent two bullets into his brain in Branch Brook Park today.

At the City Hospital, where he was sent, he lingered for less than two hours, dying at 12:15 p. m., with his wife at his side.

The tragedy, which struck the city as a thunder-clap, came as a climax to what has been a vicious campaign of mud-slinging from the sheriff's office. There had been nothing in Judge Howell's life which he had concealed. He had let his first wife obtain a divorce at Monticello, N. Y.; he had retired from the Episcopal ministry there; when he came to Newark he married a woman of brilliant attainments. These were not secrets. Judge Howell had been a well-known lawyer, with his record above suspicion.

Judge Howell replied last night to an attack by Under-Sheriff Charles M. Mason upon Mayor Haussling in a speech to a great crowd in the New Auditorium. Of his past he said he was not ashamed. He then defied Mason, and challenged him to appear before a jury of three clergymen and answer certain questions which would be addressed to him by three witnesses Judge Howell would bring forward.

Before the meeting he had been a little despondent, telling Police Captain Ryan, of the First Precinct, a close friend, that he had tried to live down the unfortunate past like an honest man, but the scurrilous assailants were digging up old things. He said their attack on him was an outrage and a shame. But he said he would try to bear up.

Before the meeting, however, his courage had returned and Judge Charles F. Herr and Richard Franz, treasurer of the Essex County Democratic Committee, who walked part of the way home with him, said he was cheerful and optimistic.

Judge Howell left his home early this morning. It was 8:30 a. m. that he telephoned to the desk sergeant at the Third Precinct Station saying he would not hold court there today. He was due to open court there at that hour, and, after finishing there, to go to the First Precinct Court and hold court there.

It was some time after this that Mrs. Howell telephoned to the First Precinct that Judge Howell would be an hour later; that he was not feeling well.

While the First Precinct Court was waiting the arrival of Judge Howell at 10:30 a. m., William Benn, an employee of Branch Brook Park, saw the Judge enter the park by the Abington avenue gateway. It was near this spot that Chief of Police John T. Adams shot and killed himself on April 15, 1907.

"I saw that something was wrong with Judge Howell," said Benn, "and watched him. He walked about two hundred yards down the gateway, and then I saw him stop under a tree and suddenly pull a revolver from his pocket."

"He ran toward him as fast as I could, but he fired a shot and the bullet hit him in the right side of the head. He fell backwards and the gun rolled away about five feet. As I got nearer to him he raised himself from his back, turned over on his arm, raised himself and crawled on his elbows until he got the gun again. Then he rested back a little and quickly sent another bullet into his brain. He fell back for good then. I called Patrolman Burke and he called an ambulance."

Judge Howell was unconscious from the moment the second bullet entered his brain, and he did not recover consciousness. At the hospital a search was made for some explanatory letter which the suicide might have written, but none was found. He had only a number of letters which pertained to business affairs.

Mrs. Howell was informed by telephone by the hospital authorities. At first she was prostrated. Later she went to the City Hospital with a friend, where the doctors said she would have to hurry if she would see her husband alive.

Mrs. Howell arrived at the hospital at noon and was shown at once to the operating room, where her unconscious husband was lying. Her soba were heard throughout the corridors. A few minutes after the partial collapse of the stricken wife Judge Howell died. Mrs. Howell fainted four times.

Police Captain Ryan was a very close friend to Judge Howell. He said today: "It is an outrage that such a noble man as Judge Howell should be driven to his grave. He was as good and pure a man as lived in Newark."

"I had a long talk with him yesterday afternoon. When he came to see me he was quite blue and despondent. He said to me: 'I have tried to live down the past and I have tried to lead a good Christian life. This digging up of old things in my life has cut me to the heart. It is unfair, unjust.'"

"But I intend to fight it out, and, if necessary, I will live it all down again. He squared his shoulders as he took heart," said Captain Ryan, "and when he left me he was in fine fighting spirits."

Judge Howell was in good spirits last night, after the meeting in the New Auditorium, except that he appeared greatly wrought up over the attack on him. During his speech, his voice quivered with emotion, and it appeared several times as if he were on the point of breaking down.

Captain Ryan said Judge Howell spoke of Mr. Mason bitterly.

When he left the stage with the crowd he was hailed on his way from the hall and congratulated by many of those present. He suitably acknowledged all the compliments. He walked to Broad and Orange streets with Richard J. Franz, treasurer of the county committee, and Judge Charles F. Herr. There the latter left him and Mr. Franz accompanied him on his way home in a trolley car. They got off at Wash-

COLLECTION OF TAXES TO BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY

On Tuesday morning City Tax Receiver Robert L. Ross, with a staff of clerks, will begin the collection of the 1908 taxes. The total amount to be collected for the city, county and school fund amounts this year to \$4,894,065.92, a decrease of \$173,856.97 from last year.

Of the \$4,894,065.92 to be received on the \$95,780,000 total city rates, at \$1.63 per \$100 of rates, there will be for city use \$3,224,428.25, and the county's share will be \$1,669,637.67. Receiver Ross will turn over to the State for school purposes \$648,252.40, and this amount will be returned by the State for the support of schools in this school district.

The total city rate was made as follows: School tax, 2.192; county rate, .341, and city rate, \$1.069, making the total rate \$1.63 per \$100 of rates.

To the city's share of the money is to be added \$70,457 in poll taxes and \$2,402 in dog taxes.